

REMARKS

Claims 29-46 are all the claims pending in the application; each of the claims has been rejected.

Claim 29 has been amended (supported by the preamble of the claim) as suggested by the Examiner to recite that the purpose of the method has been obtained.

No new matter has been added. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

At paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The Examiner states that there is no nexus between the preamble and the claim steps. The Examiner states that for clarity, the claim should recite that the purpose of the method has been obtained.

Included herewith is an amendment to claim 29 in the manner proposed by the Examiner. In view of the amendment to the claim, the claim is definite. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

II. Conclusion

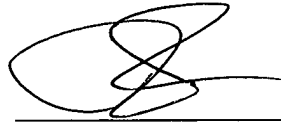
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
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